

Camping! UPDATE

Summer 2009

Campership Gifts
Still Needed!

News about the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

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For many children, their first camping experience creates lasting positive memories. Unfortunately, changing family structures and declining resources are making it difficult for many of today's young people to attend any outdoor ministry program. Consequently, they grow up without an understanding of or interest in the world outside their doors. Urban youth, in particular, are lacking the skills and motivation to actively enjoy the wonders of the natural world.

Christ Lutheran Youth is located on Allison Hill, a Harrisburg neighborhood. Our children come from very low-income homes. Some cycle in and out of homelessness or times of no heat, water or electricity. You can imagine how such conditions must affect each child's life.

But camping and outdoor adventures open up a vast array of other opportunities. Through such programs, they have learned to hike, bike, whitewater raft and watch for shooting stars. They have made new friends and discovered that Bible study is fun. Camp is much more than outside recreation. This wholesome experience contributes to overall happiness, health, and career success, later in their adult lives.

I should know. I am a child of Christ Lutheran Church. I grew up on Allison Hill. My Sunday school teachers always made sure I attended church camp. Those experiences changed my life. I learned that the world was a larger place. Now, I am the Sunday School teacher and I teach children that we can pray to God about our concerns. He doesn't always take away all of the problems, but if we will trust in him, he will give us peace in our hearts. God said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how." Mark 4:26-27

Our youth greatly enjoy and appreciate camp. Our congregation values it because it has brought our kids together, and helped them to realize they're part of a larger Church.

Sincerely,
Wendy Baker



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Give the Gift of Camping

This year, more than 2,000 children attended one or more of the summer camp programs offered at Kirchenwald and/or Nawakwa. The cost of one week of camp for one camper is \$375. In each of the last three years, the Lutheran Camping Corporation has given about \$30,000 in financial assistance to families so that their children could experience the kind of growth and blessing that Wendy Baker described on the other side of this update. This summer we gave \$29,595 in camperships to 94 campers at either of our camps. To date, we have received gifts totaling \$20,309, leaving a gap of \$9,286.



Be part of this summer's success, and make your contribution to the Campership Fund today!



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